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Gov. Daugaard proclaims October as 'Archives Month'

PIERRE, S.D. – October has been proclaimed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard as “Archives Month” in South Dakota to draw attention to preservation efforts that protect South Dakota’s documentary history.

“Archives have an important role in preserving the state’s history, and this is a chance for archival repositories across the state to spread the word about their unique collections,” Gov. Daugaard said.

To help South Dakotans learn more about South Dakota history and the state archives program, the South Dakota State Historical Society, headquartered at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, is hosting the following activities, all free and open to the public:

- **Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CST: Archives Open** -- The State Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre will be open. The State Archives is usually open the first Saturday of each month.
- **Sunday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m., Cultural Heritage Center: “South Dakota Stained Glass Windows”** -- Dr. Barb Johnson of Aberdeen will discuss how stained glass windows are produced, the role of immigrants in designing, producing and bringing to South Dakota these beautiful works of art that are present throughout our state, and her research on stained glass windows. Sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Council.
- **Sunday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m., Riverside Cemetery, 400 S. Roosevelt, Pierre: “Historic Riverside Cemetery Tour”** -- Ken Stewart of the State Archives staff will conduct a tour of the original cemetery and annex sections while discussing some of the area’s early residents that are buried there. This is a continuation from last years’ event.
- **Sunday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. and 2:45 p.m., Cultural Heritage Center: “Oahe Dam/President Kennedy Film Footage”** -- See film footage of the visit by President John F. Kennedy during the dedication of the Oahe Dam on Aug. 17, 1962. The film includes the speech given by President Kennedy and additional construction footage of the Oahe Dam.

The State Archives is a program of the South Dakota Historical Society. State Archives staff are available to help assist with research and can be reached at (605) 773-3804 or archref@state.sd.us. For more information, visit www.history.sd.gov/Archives

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.